



RUSA Bill S20 - 05

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Sponsor: Executive Committee

Bill to Appropriate Donation to the Rutgers Food Pantry Amid COVID-19 Outbreaks

Whereas, the outbreak of COVID-19 in the State of New Jersey has resulted in the closing of residence halls from March 12, 2020 to April 3, 2020 and the transition to online class instruction;

Whereas, as university operations scale down, many students will lose hours of employment during this period;

Whereas, the Rutgers Food Pantry will be operating at normal business hours during Spring Break and while classes remain online, and Off Campus Living and Community Partnerships expects an increase in need for the Food Pantry during this time¹;

Whereas, the Association of Big Ten Students has cancelled its April conference, Big Ten on the Hill, for which the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) allocated \$3,200 in its budget²;

Whereas, President Virani has a discretionary budget of \$5,000 allocated to her for the 2019-2020 RUSA term;

Whereas, RUSA spent under its projected budget for its Summer Executive Board Retreat as well as for the Fall 2019 Involvement Fair;

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/RUFoodPantry/posts/1059266687775545>

² <https://www.facebook.com/abts10/posts/1950892381708252>

Whereas, the RUSA Standing Rules Article V, Section 7 allows the RUSA Executive Board to act on behalf of the Assembly during emergency situations that require immediate action while the Assembly is not in session;

Be it hereby resolved that, RUSA donates \$10,000 to the Rutgers Food Pantry from the following budget line items:

1. Allocations for Big Ten on the Hill Conference: \$3,200
2. Presidential Discretionary Budget: \$5,000
3. Fall 2019 Involvement Fair Promotion Items: \$800
4. Executive Board Retreat: \$1,000

